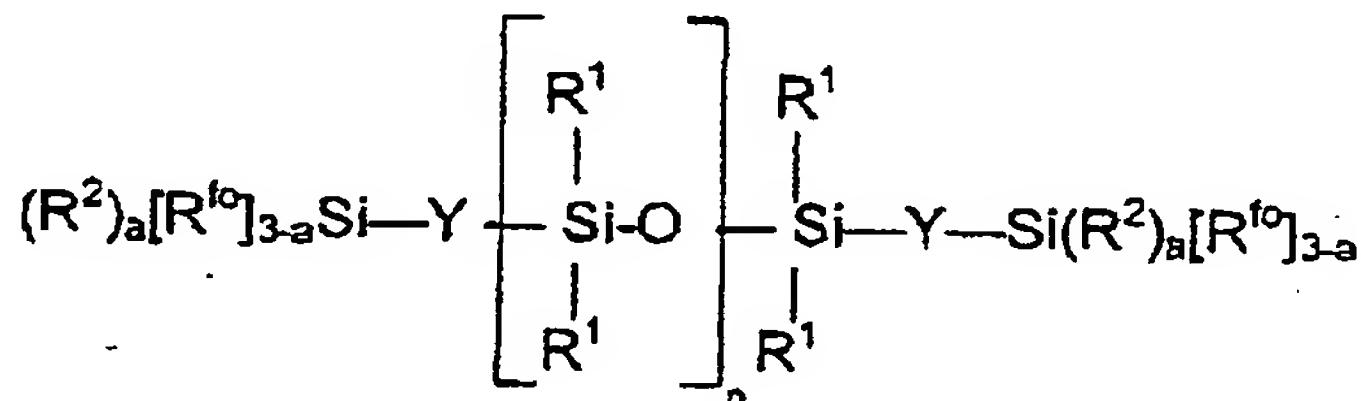


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A single-component polyorganosiloxane composition (POS) which is stable on storage in the absence of moisture and which crosslinks in the presence of water to give a nonyellowing and adherent elastomer, said composition comprising:

(i) at least one crosslinkable linear polyorganopolysiloxane **A** of formula:

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(I)

in which:

- the substituents  $R^1$ , which are identical or different, each represent a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic, cyclanic or aromatic,  $C_1$  to  $C_{13}$  monovalent hydrocarbon radical;
- the substituents  $R^2$ , which are identical or different, each represent a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic, cyclanic or aromatic,  $C_1$  to  $C_{13}$  monovalent hydrocarbon radical;
- the functionalization substituents  $R^{f_0}$ , which are identical or different, each represent:
  - an iminoxy residue of formula:



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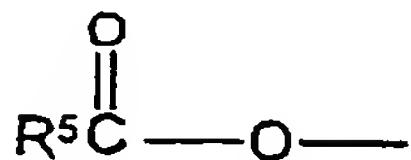
- an alkoxy residue of formula:



with  $R^4$  independently representing a linear or

branched C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> alkyl or a C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl  
and b = 0 or 1;

- an acyloxy residue of formula:

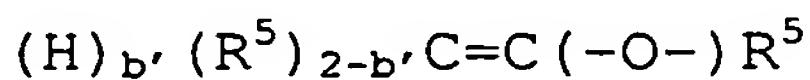


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with  $R^5$  representing a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic, cyclanic or aromatic,  $C_1$  to  $C_{13}$  monovalent hydrocarbon radical;

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- an enoxy residue of formula:



where  $R^5$  is as defined above and  $b' = 0, 1$  or  $2$ ;

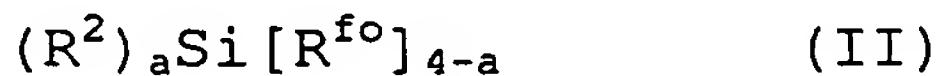
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- each symbol Y represents an oxygen atom or a divalent hydrocarbon group;
  - n has a value sufficient to confer, on the POS A, a dynamic viscosity at 25 °C ranging from 1000 to 1 000 000 mPa·s;
  - a is zero or 1;

20 - a is zero or 1;

(2i) optionally at least one polyorganosiloxane resin B functionalized by at least one radical  $R^{fo}$  corresponding to the definition given above and exhibiting, in its structure, at least two different siloxyl units chosen from those of formulae  $(R^1)_3SiO_{1/2}$  (M unit),  $(R^1)_2SiO_{2/2}$  (D unit),  $R^1SiO_{3/2}$  (T unit) and  $SiO_2$  (Q unit), at least one of these units being a T or Q unit, the radicals  $R^1$ , which are identical or different, having the meanings given above with respect to the formula (I), said resin having a content by weight of functional radicals  $R^{fo}$  ranging from 0.1 to 10%, it being understood that a portion of the radicals  $R^1$  are radicals  $R^{fo}$ ;

(3i) optionally at least one crosslinking agent C  
35 of formula:

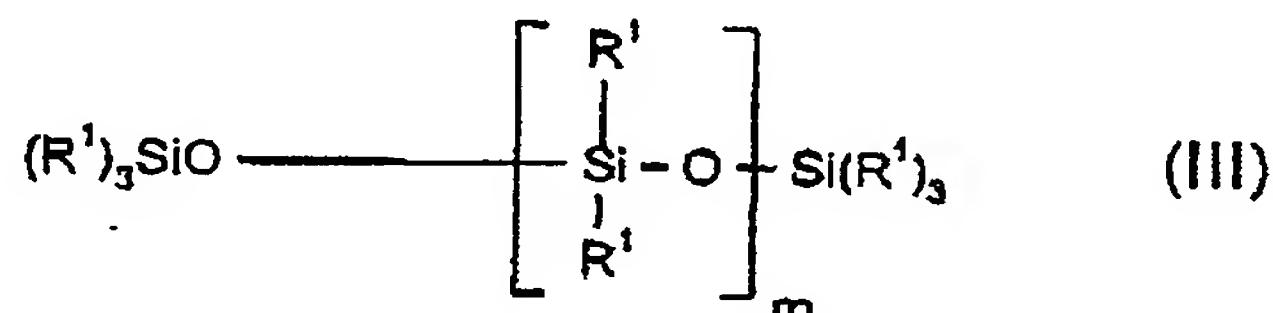


with R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>fo</sup> and a being as defined above;

(4i) optionally a residual amount of the functionalization catalyst D in the presence of which the preparation of the POS(s) A and of the optional resin(s) B which are functionalized by R<sup>fo</sup> takes place;

(5i) optionally at least one primary aliphatic C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alcohol E;

(6i) optionally at least one unreactive linear polydiorganosiloxane F which is not functionalized by R<sup>fo</sup> and which has the formula:



in which:

- the substituents R<sup>1</sup>, which are identical or different, have the same meanings as those given above for the polyorganosiloxane A of formula (I);

- m has a value sufficient to confer, on the polymer of formula (III), a dynamic viscosity at 25°C ranging from 10 to 200 000 mPa·s;

(7i) at least one inorganic filler G;

(8i) optionally at least one auxiliary agent H known to a person skilled in the art which is generally chosen, when it is needed, according to the applications in which the compositions according to the present invention are employed;

(9i) an effective amount of a crosslinking/curing catalyst I; said composition being characterized by the following points (α), (β) and (γ):

• (α) the curing catalyst I consists of the combination of at least one organic derivative I1 of a metal M1 chosen from titanium, zirconium and their mixtures with at least one organic derivative I2 of a metal M2 chosen from zinc, aluminum, boron, bismuth and their mixtures;

• (β) the number of µg.at (microgram atoms)

of the metals M<sub>1</sub> + M<sub>2</sub> introduced into 1 g of single-component composition comprising all the ingredients (i) to (8i) lies within the range extending from 1 to 150;

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- (γ) the ratio:

$$\frac{\text{number of } \mu\text{g.at of M}_2}{\text{total number of } \mu\text{g.at of M}_1 + \text{M}_2} \times 100$$

lies within the range extending from 5 to 95%.

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2. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that use is made of an amount of curing catalyst I such that:

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- (β) the number of  $\mu\text{g.at}$  (microgram atoms) of the metals M<sub>1</sub> + M<sub>2</sub> introduced into 1 g of single-component composition comprising all the ingredients (i) to (8i) lies within the range extending from 25 to 55;

- (γ) the ratio:

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$$\frac{\text{number of } \mu\text{g.at of M}_2}{\text{total number of } \mu\text{g.at of M}_1 + \text{M}_2} \times 100$$

lies within the range extending from 10 to 45%.

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3. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that:

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- the POS A is a polymer of formula (I) in which the symbol Y represents an oxygen atom;

- the functionalization substituents R<sup>f<sub>0</sub></sup> of the ingredients A, B and C are of alkoxy type and correspond to the formula R<sup>4</sup>O(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>b</sub>- as defined above; and

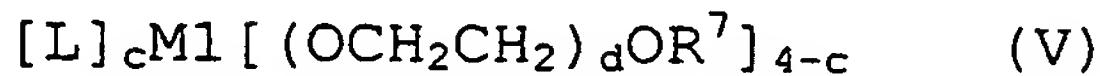
- the crosslinking/curing catalyst I consists of a combination:

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- of at least one organic derivative II of a

metal M1 chosen from the group consisting of:

- + monomers **I1.1** of formula:



in which:

- the symbol L represents a  $\sigma$  donor ligand, with or without  $\pi$  participation;

- c represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

- M1 is a metal chosen from titanium, zirconium and their mixtures;

- the substituents R<sup>7</sup>, which are identical or different, each represent a linear or branched C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> alkyl radical;

- d represents zero, 1 or 2;

- with the conditions according to which, when the symbol d represents zero, the alkyl radical R<sup>7</sup> has from 2 to 12 carbon atoms and, when the symbol d represents 1 or 2, the alkyl radical R<sup>7</sup> has from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

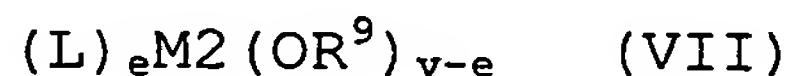
+ polymers **I1.2** resulting from the partial hydrolysis of the monomers of formula (V) in which the symbol c is at most equal to 3 and the symbol R<sup>7</sup> has the abovementioned meaning with the symbol d representing zero; with

• at least one organic derivative **I2** of a metal M2 chosen from the group consisting of:

- + the polycarboxylates **I2.1** of formula:



+ the metal alkoxides and chelates **I2.2** of formula:



- + in which formulae:

- the substituents R<sup>8</sup>, which are

identical or different, each represent a linear or branched C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radical;

- the symbol R<sup>9</sup> has the meaning given above in the formula (V) for R<sup>7</sup>;
- the symbol L represents a σ donor ligand, with or without π participation;
- M<sub>2</sub> is a metal of valency v chosen from zinc, aluminum, bismuth, boron and their mixtures;
- e represents a number ranging from zero to v.

15        4. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the substituents R<sup>1</sup> of the polymers POS **A** functionalized by R<sup>f<sub>0</sub></sup>, of the optional resins **B** functionalized by R<sup>f<sub>0</sub></sup> and of the optional 20 nonfunctionalized polymers **F** are selected from the group formed by:

- alkyl and haloalkyl radicals having from 1 to 13 carbon atoms,
- cycloalkyl and halocycloalkyl radicals having from 5 25 to 13 carbon atoms,
- alkenyl radicals having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms,
- mononuclear aryl and haloaryl radicals having from 6 to 13 carbon atoms,
- cyanoalkyl radicals, the alkyl members of which have 30 from 2 to 3 carbon atoms.

35        5. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the crosslinking silanes **C** carrying the functionalization radicals R<sup>f<sub>0</sub></sup> are: Si(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>Si(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>Si(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>Si(OCH<sub>3</sub>), (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH)Si(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> or (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH)Si(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.

6. A process for the preparation of the single-

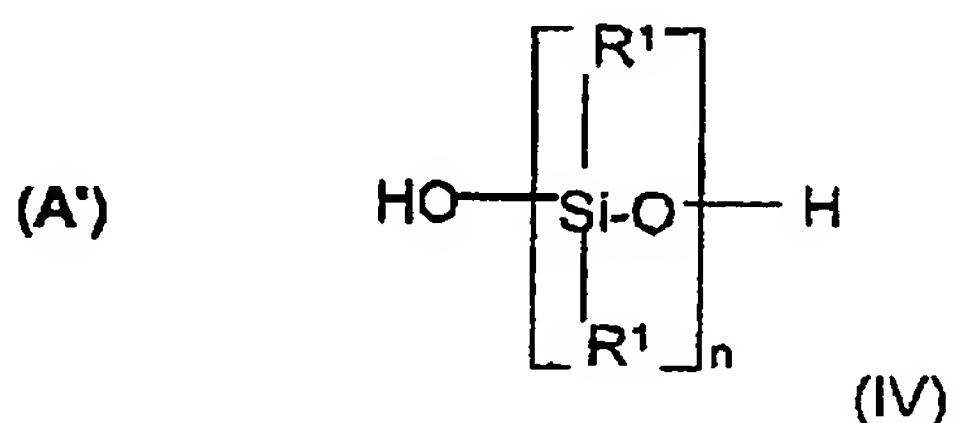
component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the preparation is carried out in equipment, operating batchwise or continuously, which makes it

5 possible:

- to intimately mix, with the exclusion of moisture:
  - + in a stage 1, the following constituents: precursor POS **A'** or **A''** of the POS **A** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$ , precursor resin **B'** or **B''** (optional) of the resin POS **B** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$ , silane, optionally olefinic, carrying the functional groups  $R^{fo}$  (which can be the silane **C**), functionalization catalyst **D**, alcohol **E** (optional) and nonfunctionalized and unreactive POS **F** (optional);
  - + then, in a stage 2, the reaction mixture from stage 1 supplemented by the addition of the constituents **G**, **H** (optional), **F** (optional) and **I**; and
- to discharge the volatile materials present at various points in the implementation of the process:
  - + during the abovementioned stage 1 and/or
  - + during the abovementioned stage 2 and/or
  - + in a final stage 3.

7. The process as claimed in claims 3 and 6, characterized in that the hydroxylated precursor **A'** of the POS **A** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$  at the chain ends is an

30  $\alpha, \omega$ -hydroxylated polydiorganosiloxane of formula:



with  $R^1$  and  $n$  being as defined above in the formula (I).

8. The process as claimed in claims 3 and 6 or 7, characterized in that the hydroxylated precursor **B'** of the optional resin POS **B** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$  corresponds to the definition given above for **B** in claim 1, except that a portion of the radicals  $R^1$  5 correspond to OH groups.

9. The process as claimed in any one of claims 3 and 6 to 8, characterized in that the functionalization 10 catalyst **D** is selected from the following compounds:

- potassium acetate,
- various inorganic oxides,
- carbamates,
- lithium hydroxide,
- 15 - sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide.

10. A nonyellowing elastomer capable of adhering to various substrates and obtained by crosslinking and curing the single-component silicone mastic composition 20 as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 or which is obtained by the process as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 9.